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Dear Ms. Jones:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 09-788 and proposed by the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers ("Board"). The proposed rule adds 864 IAC 1.1-15 to establish continuing education requirements for professional engineers.

The economic impact statement prepared by the Board indicates that the proposed rule will most likely affect engineering firms, professional engineers and continuing education providers. The Board estimates that approximately 30% of currently-licensed engineers will be affected by this rule, corresponding to 4,032 current licensees. The annual cost per year for 15 hours of continuing education is \$1,875 (\$125/hour cost). Thus, the total possible annual statewide impact associated with the proposed rule is \$7,560,000 for those individuals not already in compliance with the proposed rule.

The Board states that the total and actual number of small businesses affected by this proposed rule is indeterminable since it is unknown which firms will reimburse their employees for the continuing education hours earned. Businesses are not required to reimburse their employees for costs associated with continuing education under the current or proposed rules. The actual impact to small businesses could be much smaller than the estimated potential total if business elect not to reimburse their employees for continuing education costs or if individual employees are determined not to be small businesses.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

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